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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL QUERIES ON PROPOSED EXPANDED PAROLE  
PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 029797

1. THIS WRAP-UP OF INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL FROM AGENCIES  
ON PROPOSED EXPANDED PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.  
BECAUSE OF FLU EPIDEMIC WCC INFORMS THEY UNABLE PROVIDE  
RESPONSE TO PARA 5 REFTEL UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

2. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM DEPUTY  
HCR IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL.  
QUOTE: WE REFER TO STATE DEPARTMENT CABLE 29797 REGARDING  
THE QUERIES RAISED BY THE HOUSE IMMIGRATION SUB COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING THE EXPANDED PAROLE PROGRAM FOR  
DISPLACED PERSONS FROM INDOCHINA INTO THE UNITED STATES.  
WE REGRET THAT WE ARE NOT IN POSSESSION OF AND ARE NOT ABLE  
TO OBTAIN PART OF THE INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN SOUGHT, AS THE  
STATISTICAL REPORTS WHICH WE OBTAIN REGULARLY FROM UHCR  
REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOT GEARED TO PROVIDE SOME OF THE REQUIRED  
DETAILS.  
CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN THAILAND  
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AND WHO WISH TO GO TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE US, THIS

FLUCTUATES ACCORDING TO RESETTLEMENT OFFERS. WHAT CLEARLY EMERGES, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE 18,471 PERSONS AT PRESENT REGISTERED WITH UNHCR IN BANGKOK FOR RESETTLEMENT TO THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED THE UNITED STATES AS THEIR FIRST PREFERENCE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WITH THE CONTINUING INFLUX INTO THAILAND AND NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT (811 PERSONS DURING JANUARY 1976) THIS CASELOAD WILL INCREASE CONSIDERABLY IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. APART FROM THE UNITED STATES, OTHER POPULAR PREFERENDES ARE FRANCE, CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA. AS A RESULT OF APPROACHES MADE BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER POSITIVE RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHO WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT DISPLACED PERSONS FROM INDOCHINA FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT. IN PARTICULAR THE FOLLOWING QUOTAS WERE SPECIFIED, ALTHOUGH IN MOST CASES THERE WAS NOT A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PERSONS SLECTED SHOULD COME ONLY FROM THAILAND. AUSTRLAIA INITIALLY AGREED TO TAKE AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND HAS ACCEPTED UNDER THIS QUOTA SOME 827 PERSONS FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A FURTHER QUOTA OF 800 PERSONS OF WHOM IT IS ESTIMATED SOME 500 WILL COME FROM THAILAND. AUSTRIA AGREED TO ACCEPT 200 CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE FROM HONG KONG AND THAILAND, AND FROM THIS QUOTA HAS TO DATE ACCEPTED FOR RESETTLEMENT SOME 150 PERSONS INCLUDING 88 FROM THAILAND. BELGIUM AGREED TO ACCEPT 50 CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE IN ADDITION TO AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF CASES FOR FAMILY REUNION. BELGIUM AS ACCEPTED A TOTAL OF 123 PERSONS TO DATE INCLUDING 13 FROM THAILAND. CANADA AGREED TO TAKE UP TO 3,000 CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE IN ADDITION TO PERSONS SPONSORED OR NOMINATED BY RELATIVES RESIDING IN CANDA (ESTIMATED TO COVER A FURTHER 15,000 PERSONS). TO DATE SOME 6,554 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT IN CANADA INCLUDING 503 FROM THAILAND. DENMARK HAS AGREED TO TAKE A FURTHER 50 PERSONS FOR FAMILY REUNION WITH THE 100 PERSONS PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM HONG KONG. FRANCE HAD ACCEPTED FOR RESETTLEMENT UP TO THE END OF 1975 A TOTAL OF 9,287 DISPLACED PERSONS FROM INDOCHINA, INCLUDING SOME 4,000 FROM THAILAND. FRANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINUES TO ACCEPT BETWEEN 1,000 AND 1,200 PERSONS PER MONTH OF WHOM APPROXIMATELY HALF ARE SELECTED FROM PERSONS IN THAILAND. NO MAXIMUM AUOTA HAS BEEN SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT COVERING THIS SELECTION. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL ACCEPT UP TO 1,000 VIETNAMESE, OF WHICH THE LARGEST GROUP WILL PROBABLY BE SELECTED FROM THAILAND. UNHCR IS AT PRESENT DISCUSSING THE POSSIBLY OF AN ENLARGE-

MENT OF THE CRITERIA GOVERNING THIS QUOTA.

ITALY HAS ACCEPTED SOME 50 PERSONS FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF FAMILY REUNION, PRINCIPALLY FROM THAILAND.

MALAYSIA HAS ACCEPTED 1,208 DISPLACED PERSONS FROM THAILAND FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT AND HAS RECENTLY AGREED TO ACCEPT A FURTHER 1,000 SUCH PERSONS.

NORWAY HAS ACCEPTED 87 PERSONS FROM THAILAND.

FOR A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF ALL ACCEPTANCES BY ALL COUNTRIES UP TO 31 DECEMBER 1975, PLEASE REFER TO OUR STATISTICAL CHART ON THIS SITUATION WHICH WE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED TO YOU.

THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR STATISTICS DOES NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY SEPARATELY CATEGORIES OF PERSONS, SUCH AS DIPLOMATS, WHO HAVE BEEN RESETTLED. HOWEVER, IN MANY INSTANCES UNHCR HAS ARRANGED FOR FORMER DIPLOMATIC STAFF WHO DID NOT WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN EITHER TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, OR TO BE RESETTLED IN A THIRD COUNTRY. A NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS IN THIS CATEGORY, HAVE FOR EXAMPLE, BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT BY FRANCE.

IN GENERAL RESETTLEMENT IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE US HAS BEEN HANDLED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM APPROPRIATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. IN FRANCE, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE SPONSORED SOME ENTRANTS BUT THEIR ROLE IS MORE NORMALLY TO ASSIST WITH THE READJUSTMENT OF NEW ARRIVALS. TO THIS END FRANCE TERRE D'ASILE OPERATES TEMPORARY CENTRES FOR NEW ARRIVALS; CIMADE PROVIDES LANGUAGE COURSES; SSAE AND SECOURS CATHOLIQUE PROVIDE OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY INDIVIDUALS; AND THE FRENCH RED CROSS AND FRENCH-INDOCHINA ASSOCIATIONS ASSIST WITH INITIAL INTEGRATION. IN BELGIUM, CARITAS-CATHOLICA BELGICA HAS AGREED WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF

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THOSE PERSONS ADMITTED TO BELGIUM FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT, AND IN THE UK THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR AID TO REFUGEES HAS PROVIDED INITIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR PERSONS SELECTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FROM HONG KONG. IN MALAYSIA, THE MUSLIM WELFARE ORGANIZATION OF MALAYSIA (PERKIM) IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH UNHCR'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PERSONS BEING RESETTLED THERE FROM THAILAND. YOU WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THE LATEST FIGURES INDICATE MORE THAN 90,000 DISPLACED PERSONS HAVE ARRIVED IN THAILAND FROM THE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA SINCE THE EVENTS IN EARLY 1975. OF THIS GROUP RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES HAVE TO BE FOUND FOR A VERY LARGE PERCENTAGE WHO HAVE NOT INDICATED A DESIRE TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND FOR WHOM NO OTHER SOLUTIONS APPEAR POSSIBLE. UNQUOTE BRUNGART

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